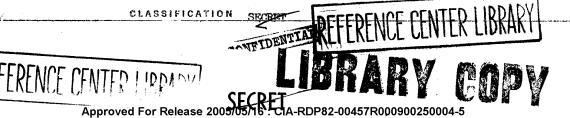


- Since the end of April, a military commission consisting of the Ruesi an 25X1 engineers and eight Germans has been stationed in Jaice and has en conducting 25X1 experiments with poison gas. The three factory buildings in whi the experiments are conducted are isolated from each other and guarded. The whole area (about 25X1 800-1,000 square meters) is surrounded by barbed wire, and the rance and corners are defended by temporary wooden bunkers. The personnel of the commission 25X1 are housed in two barracks situated in the woods behind the fore me director's 25X1 building. Facilities include a kitchen, garage with several can a radio station, and several small searchlights.
 - It was recently observed that used, large-caliber shell cases were transported from Travnik and Sarajevo and unloaded at the three buildings. unloading was done by soldiers. According to workers and soldie empty cases or shells are filled with gas, packed by two's in special boxes, loaded with special care and transported by truck from the area.
 - 3. On 17 June about 5 p.m. a truck went off the road into a ditch. boxes fell out and catapulted down the mountain side into a rav 30 to 50 meters deep, where the shells exploded with a relative About 300-400 meters from the explosion, on the other side of t five shepherds and about 60 head of livestock (cattle, sheep, as of the shepherds, aged 65, later related that he first noticed so then lost consciousness. He did not regain his senses until the 2 p.m. at the hospital in Banja luka. The other four shepherds, 12 to 17, were already completely conscious by that time. Shor 12 to 17, were already completely conscious by that time. Shor afterwards, they were all given an innoculation in the thigh and a blood sande was taken from the hand. On 19 June, after having been examined by army X-rays, and interviewed by OZNA agents, they were released with to speak of the incident.

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- 4. It was also reported that within an hour after the accident, the carroundings were completely closed off by military personnel and the animals which had been injured by the blast (17 sheep, 6 goats, and 3 cows) were hurris fly transported to Sarajevo. The man in the damaged truck - a chauffeur and thr soldiers were disarmed, handcuffed and taken away. Whether the animals and here taken away died or not could not be determined. In any case, they had to be lifted onto the truck. They allegedly lost their hair or wool.
- 5. Military and OZNA agents examined the location of the explosion, collected the remains of the box, dug the ground with shovels, and built a la



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population was later informed by the People's Committee that "Mack agents" had caused the explosion with poison gas in order to destroy the peasant's cattle.

- 6. The attached sketch indicates the location and layout of a factory at Jajce engaged in poison gas production.
- 7. All workers' quarters in the factory area have been cleared and are being renovated for new occupants who are Yugoslav and Russian chemical warfare specialists. Many of them have already arrived in Ranja Luka and are quartered temporarily in the "Hotel Bosna".
- 8. A special German PW work detail from the collecting camp in Pancevo is engaged in renovating the ancient fortress in Jajce and constructing and completing underground passages that lead from the fortress to he Bazaar and to the above mentioned factory. They are supervised by a German engineer, Wolfgang Ginter (Günther?) and commanded by a Yugoslav Captain Tavanovic.

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Comment: All technical statements made in the report indicate that the gas involved was one of the Tabun series. Chemical factories are known to have existed in the vicinity of Banja Luka, as all as a sulphur and carbide works. This town was also the center of the Terman war establishment, Bosnische Elektrizitaet.)

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